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VIA FACSIMILE

March 24, 2004

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RE: MUR 5183

Democratic National Committee

Dear Mr. Sandler:

This is in response to your letter requesting an extension of 20 days, until April 20, 2004, to respond to the Commission's reason-to-believe notification. As we discussed in our telephone conversation on Monday, March 22, 2004, it is our understanding that you intend to use the extended reply period to prepare a substantive response to the Commission's Factual and Legal Analysis. In light of those circumstances and the information presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on April 20, 2004.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Blumberg

Attorney